

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: (No response.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, you know we did pretty well this year before some folks started to remember that we were divided on partisan grounds. Sam came up to me earlier today and he says, I want you to go back and tell the Governor, I'm supposed to have a direct pipeline and so I'm supposed to....I want you to go back and tell the Governor that I....you know, I let him have that little amendment and I said, Sammy, you can be sure I'll do that. Didn't even get the message delivered and what does Sammy do, he says, oh, we're going to veto this, we are going to filibuster this bill because the Governor wants it. I mean that is obviously an excellent reason to filibuster and keep a bill from going on. Then he says, wait a minute, I don't want to be unfair about this, not in the slightest, says Sammy. Good old Sammy says, no, we cannot be unfair. We will give you a choice. Did you ever see those choices, you know, where the guy says, in this door you have the lion and in this door you have the beautiful lady, except Sam took the lady out and put in another lion and Sam says, now look, here is your choice. We will filibuster or you can put it off until next year when we will filibuster and then kill it. You see, the one thing about that choice is you just don't really want to rush and grab that door. You just don't want to do it because he already told you that the lady ain't back there. It is the lion and he said, the other door has got the lion and I don't know that this Legislature ought to be dealing in this irresponsible way at this hour. In fact, I think it is not necessarily good policy. I want to tell you, I've had some experience with filibusters myself and I was never particularly successful at them and I don't think that old Sammy will be particularly successful at them. I mean, I've given up on filibusters because they just don't work real well. Now timing is the key to any good filibuster and I expect that Sammy will be able, if he does it right, to get an adjournment today and I'm not opposed to that and so I am willing to compromise, everybody here on the floor is willing to compromise, Sam. If you want adjournment today at four o'clock maybe that is the kind of choice we ought to choose. But you don't really expect the kind of choice that you offer to be accepted because in the last analysis it is neither fair nor right and besides that, it is too easy this early on to allow Sammy to have his way. We need to let him make some people mad so that you pay the price for filibustering.